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Note for the Tobacco Strategy Review Team Meeting

Central Additives Register

OBJECTIVES

1. To be able to list additives currently used in the Group, with their status against food and tobacco legislation from Europe and the U.S.A.
2. To be able to determine the extent and quantity of use of additives within the Group according to brand and country.
3. Identification of additives, if any, whose use is not specifically covered by existing food and tobacco legislation and additives whose use may be compromised by recent scientific publications or by public affairs considerations.

PROCEDURE

The Register is organized in two sections:

1. A computer database (NEWADD) showing individual chemicals together with their legislative status.
2. A separate (not computer based) listings of brand v. additive, country v. additive and legislation v. additive.

For security purposes the linkage of the information in the two sections is only available on a restricted basis. Furthermore for reasons of legally binding commercial confidentiality the listings will be subdivided into those additives used by Brown and Williamson and those used by the rest of the BATCO Group.

STATUS

Information on the current usage of additives has been received from nearly all of the BATCO Companies and from all CAC countries. In some cases the information received needs amplification by direct reference to the supplier. Although this is in progress the completion may take some weeks since additional confidentiality agreements may be required.

PROBLEMS

It should be realized that the sensible assessment of any additive, be it for food or tobacco use, both in terms of the criteria for assessment and the supporting data, is rarely unequivocal and may change as scientific knowledge accumulates, or as public opinion demands more rigorous examination. The best scenario is frequently a considered and on-going judgement on the risks (if any) that could be associated with the use of a particular additive. This being the case the main problem area may be the identification of the compounds which have a different status in differing parts of the BAT Group.

Recommendations for the resolution of such problems will require endorsement by top management.

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